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Motivic coaction and cohomology with twisted coefficients

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Feynman integrals in parametric representation are integrals of the form:

$$I_G = \int_{\sigma_G} \frac{1}{\Psi_G^{d/2}} \left(\frac{\Psi_G}{\Xi_G} \right)^{N_G - h_G d/2} \Omega_G$$

where:

- $G = (V_G, E_G, E_G^{ext})$ is a Feynman graph.
- d is the number of space-time dimensions, $N_G = |E_G|$ and h_G is the number of loops of G .
- To each edge E_G associate a variable α_e , and define
- $\Psi_G = \sum_{T \subset G} \prod_{e \notin T} \alpha_e$ 1st Symanzik and
- $\Xi_G = \sum_{T_1 \cup T_2 \subset G} (q^{T_1})^2 \prod_{e \notin T_1 \cup T_2} \alpha_e + \left(\sum_{e \in E_G} m_e^2 \alpha_e \right) \Psi_G$ 2nd Symanzik.
- $\Omega_G = \sum_{i=1}^{N_G} (-1)^i \alpha_i d\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{d\alpha_i} \wedge \dots \wedge d\alpha_{N_G}$.
- Domain of integration $\sigma = \{[\alpha_1 : \dots : \alpha_{N_G}] : \alpha_i \geq 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^{N_G-1}(\mathbb{R})$.
- Only consider convergent integrals (for now).

We can set up a motivic Galois theory of families of periods by considering the category $\mathcal{H}(S)$ of triples $(\mathbb{V}_B, (\mathcal{V}_{dR}, \nabla), c)$ such that:

- \mathbb{V}_B is a local system of finite dimensional \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces on $S(\mathbb{C})$.
- $(\mathcal{V}_{dR}, \nabla)$ is an algebraic vector bundle on S with a flat connection with regular singularities at infinity.
- $c : (\mathcal{V}_{dR}, \nabla)^{an} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{V}_B \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{O}_{S^{an}}$ is an isomorphism of analytic vector bundles with connection.
- \mathbb{V}_B underlies a variation of mixed Hodge structures (Hodge and weight filtrations).

$\mathcal{H}(S)$ is a Tannakian category with fiber functors:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{dR}^{gen} : \mathcal{H}(S) &\rightarrow \text{Vec}_{k_S} \\ (\mathbb{V}_B, (\mathcal{V}_{dR}, \nabla), c) &\mapsto \Gamma(\text{Spec}(k_S), \mathcal{V}_{dR}) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_B^Z : \mathcal{H}(S) &\rightarrow \text{Vec}_{\mathbb{Q}} \\ (\mathbb{V}_B, (\mathcal{V}_{dR}, \nabla), c) &\mapsto \Gamma(Z, \mathbb{V}_B), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $Z \subset S(\mathbb{C})$ simply connected.

We can now define:

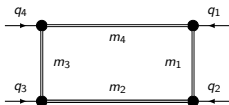
- The ring of motivic periods $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m = \mathcal{O}(\text{Isom}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\otimes}(\omega_{\text{dR}}^{\text{gen}}, \omega_B^Z))$.
- Elements of $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m$ are triples $[V, \sigma, \omega]$, where $V \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{H}(S))$, σ is a section of \mathbb{V}_B (cycle of integration) and ω is a section of \mathcal{V}_{dR} (differential form).
- There is a *period morphism* $\text{per} : \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m \rightarrow M_Z(S(\mathbb{C}))$ – multivalued meromorphic functions on $S(\mathbb{C})$ with a prescribed branch along Z .
- The (de Rham) motivic Galois group $G_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\text{dr}, \text{gen}} = \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\otimes}(\omega_{\text{dR}}^{\text{gen}})$.
- We have the Galois action $G_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\text{dr}, \text{gen}} \times \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m$, or dually
- Coaction

$$\Delta : \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m \otimes_{k_S} \mathcal{O}(G_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\text{dr}, \text{gen}})$$

- Brown (2015) associates to any Feynman graph with generic kinematics a *graph motive* $\text{mot}_G \in \text{ob}(\mathcal{H}(S))$, and an element $I_G^m \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^m$, such that $\text{per}(I_G^m) = I_G$.
- I_G^m is the motivic lift of the Feynman integral that Brown calls the motivic Feynman amplitude.

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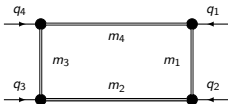
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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta I_G^m &= \sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq 4} I_{G/\{e_j, e_k\}}^{m, d=2} \otimes P_{j,k} \log^{\partial r}(f_{j,k}) \mathbb{L}^{\partial r} + \\ &+ I_G^m \otimes (\mathbb{L}^{\partial r})^2 + 1 \otimes I_G^{\partial r}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $f_{j,k} = \frac{\sqrt{(U)_{j,k}^2 - (U)_{j,j}(U)_{k,k} - (U)_{j,k}}}{\sqrt{(U)_{j,k}^2 - (U)_{j,j}(U)_{k,k} + (U)_{j,k}}}$, and $C, D_{j,k}$ are the matrices of the quadratic forms $\Xi_G, \Xi_{G/\{e_j, e_k\}}$ respectively, $U = C^{-1}$, and $P_{j,k} = \frac{\sqrt{|\det D_{j,k}|}}{8\sqrt{|\det C|}}$.

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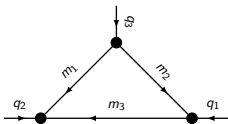
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- Galois conjugates given by motivic periods associated to sub-quotient graphs!

- We can then reasonably ask when a statement like this for the Galois conjugates holds true?
- Is it always true that the conjugates of a Feynman integral are motivic periods associated to motives of sub-quotient graphs, with weight of the conjugates bounded by the number of edges of the sub-quotient graphs?
- It relates the integral to the integrals associated to sub-quotient graphs, thereby providing information and constraints on the original integral.

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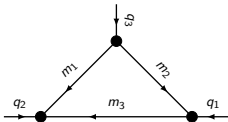
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- Not motivic periods associated to quotient graphs.
- Quotient graphs, e.g. , do not converge when $m_i = 0$.

Dimensional regularization

Set $4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions:

$$G = \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \epsilon b \\ \begin{array}{ccc} & \bullet & \\ m_1 \nearrow & & \nwarrow m_2 \\ \bullet & & \bullet \\ q_2 \leftarrow & m_3 & \rightarrow q_1 \end{array} \end{array} \rightsquigarrow I_G := \int_{\sigma_G} \left(\frac{\Psi_G^2}{\Xi_G} \right)^\epsilon \frac{\Omega_G}{\Psi_G^2}.$$

Expanding in ϵ we get:

$$(I_G)_L = \sum_{k \geq 0} \epsilon^k \int_{\sigma_G} \frac{1}{k!} \log^k \left(\frac{\Psi_G^2}{\Xi_G} \right) \frac{\Omega_G}{\Psi_G^2}$$

Applying the coaction *term by term* in ϵ , a priori get:

$$\Delta((I_G)_L^m) \in (\mathcal{P}^m \otimes \mathcal{O}(G_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\partial r, gen}))[[\epsilon]]$$

However, claim:

$$\Delta((I_G)_L^m) \in \mathcal{P}^m[[\epsilon]] \otimes \mathcal{O}(G_{\mathcal{H}(S)}^{\partial r, gen})[[\epsilon]]$$

and even more sharply (Abreu, Britto, Duhr and Gardi):

$$\Delta((I_G)_L^m) = \sum_{i=1}^3 (I_{G/e_i})_L^m \otimes (b_i)_L^{\partial r} + (I_G)_L^m \otimes (b_0)_L^{\partial r}$$

A first approximation: fix $\epsilon \notin \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$

- Want to realize the integral $I_G := \int_{\sigma_G} \left(\frac{\Psi_G^2}{\Xi_G} \right)^\epsilon \frac{\Omega_G}{\Psi_G^2}$ as a 'period'.
- Let $Q : \Xi_G = 0$, and $L : \Psi_G = 0$ be defined over $k \subset \mathbb{C}$ (fix kinematics)
- Consider the vector bundle \mathcal{O}_X on $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q \cup L$ with connection:

$$\nabla_\epsilon : d + \epsilon d \log \left(\frac{\Psi_G^2}{\Xi_G} \right)$$

- Let $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon = \mathbb{Q}(e^{2\pi i \epsilon}) \left(\frac{\Psi_G^2}{\Xi_G} \right)^{-\epsilon}$. Then $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}(e^{2\pi i \epsilon})} \mathbb{C} \cong (\mathcal{O}_X^{an})^{\nabla_\epsilon}$.
- There is a comparison isomorphism:

$$\text{comp}_{\text{B,dR}}(\epsilon) : H_{\text{dR}}^2(X, D; \nabla_\epsilon) \otimes_{k(\epsilon)} \mathbb{C} \cong H_{\text{B}}^2(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}(\epsilon)} \mathbb{C}$$

where $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^3 D_i \setminus D_i \cap (X \cup L)$ and $D_i : \alpha_i = 0$.

- $\left[\frac{\Omega_G}{\Psi_G^2} \right] \in H_{\text{dR}}^2(X, D; \nabla_\epsilon)$ and $\left[\sigma_G \otimes \left(\frac{\Psi_G^2}{\Xi_G} \right)^\epsilon \right] \in H_2^{\text{lf}}(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon^\vee)$
- Therefore the integral I_G is a coefficient of $\text{comp}_{\text{B,dR}}(\epsilon)$.

The 'motive' $H^2(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$

Claim: it sits in a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^3 H^1(D_i \setminus D_i \cap (Q \cup L); \mathcal{L}_\epsilon|_{D_i}) \rightarrow H^2(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q \cup L; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$$

Lemma

The cohomology of $X = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q \cup L$ with coefficients in \mathcal{L}_ϵ is concentrated in cohomological degree 2 and has rank 1.

- The sequence is the long exact sequence in relative cohomology, where...
- the lemma implies the zero on the left, i.e. $H^1(X; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) = 0$, and
- the zero on the right, i.e. $H^2(D_i \setminus D_i \cap (Q \cup L); \mathcal{L}_\epsilon|_{D_i}) = 0$, follows from Artin vanishing because the space $D_i \setminus D_i \cap (Q \cup L)$ is affine.

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Sketch:

- Let $j : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ denote the natural open immersion.
- If $\epsilon \notin \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ we have $j_! \mathcal{L}_\epsilon \xrightarrow{\sim} Rj_* \mathcal{L}_\epsilon$ in $D^b(\mathbb{P}^2)$.
(True whenever monodromy of the local system doesn't have 1 as an eigenvalue.)
- Since $H_c^\bullet(\mathbb{P}^2, j_! \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \cong H_c^\bullet(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$, and $H^\bullet(\mathbb{P}^2, Rj_* \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \cong H^\bullet(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$, and \mathbb{P}^2 is compact, we get $H^\bullet(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \cong H_c^\bullet(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$.
- We have Poincaré duality $H_c^k(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)^\vee \cong H^{2n-k}(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon^\vee)$, and Artin vanishing: X is affine $\implies H^k(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) = 0$ for $k > 2$, which implies the first statement.
- Also, we have generally that $\chi(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) = \text{rk}(\mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \chi(X) = 1$ in this case.
- From point 2 it also follows that $H_\bullet(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \cong H_\bullet^{\text{lf}}(X, \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$, intersection pairings etc.

The 'motive' $H^2(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$

$$0 \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^3 H^1(D_i \setminus D_i \cap (Q \cup L); \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \rightarrow H^2(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q \cup L; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon) \rightarrow 0.$$

- The boundary motives are

$$H^1(D_i \setminus D_i \cap (Q \cup L); \mathcal{L}_\epsilon|_{D_i}) \cong H^1(\mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, -1, \infty\}; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon|_{D_i})$$

- This is a 'beta motive', up to a twist. One can check, by integrating directly, that the associated 'period' is $(q_i^2)^{-\epsilon} \beta(-\epsilon, -\epsilon)$.
- See Brown-Dupont (2019) for generalized Beta integrals in this setting.

On the right hand side of the s.e.s. we have

Lemma

$H^2(\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus Q \cup L; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$ is a c^ϵ twist, for a constant c , of a "pure Artin–Tate motive of weight 2" i.e., is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Q}(-1)c^\epsilon$ after a finite extension of the field of coefficients.

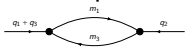
- The period matrix of the motive $H^2(X, D; \mathcal{L}_\epsilon)$ is then of the form:

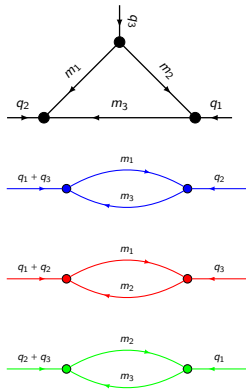
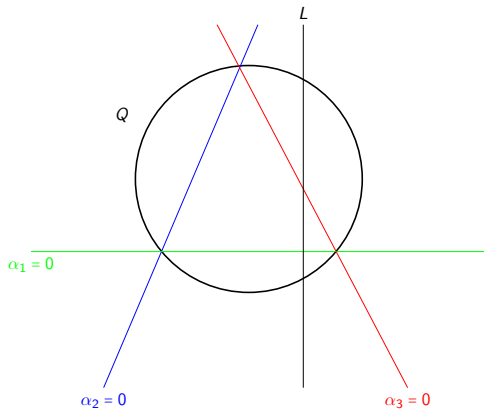
$$\begin{bmatrix} (q_1^2)^{-\epsilon} \beta(-\epsilon, -\epsilon) & 0 & 0 & l_1 \\ 0 & (q_2^2)^{-\epsilon} \beta(-\epsilon, -\epsilon) & 0 & l_2 \\ 0 & 0 & (q_3^2)^{-\epsilon} \beta(-\epsilon, -\epsilon) & l_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c^\epsilon 2\pi i \end{bmatrix}$$

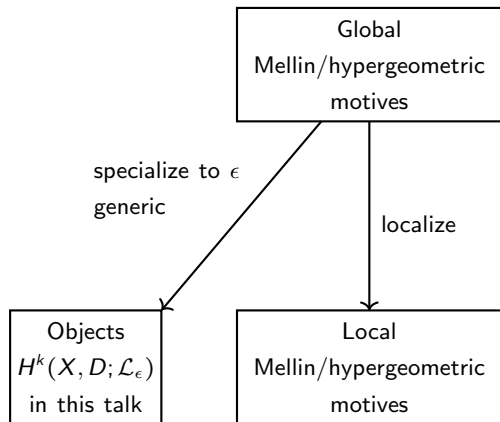
- The Feynman integral I_G is a linear combination of l_1, l_2, l_3 .
- We didn't define a Galois group and action in this setting, but if we had (see Brown-Dupont), the conjugates of I_G would be precisely $(q_i^2)^{-\epsilon} \beta(-\epsilon, -\epsilon)$, and the trivial term corresponding to $c^\epsilon 2\pi i$.
- The first few terms of the expansion in ϵ of this are

$$(1 - \epsilon \log(q_i^2) + \dots) \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon} - \epsilon^2 \zeta(2) + \dots \right) = -\frac{2}{\epsilon} + 2 \log(q_i^2) + \dots$$

- This was observed by Abreu, Britto, Duhr and Gardi, to correspond to the first few terms in expansion of the bubble integral with trivial internal masses in dimensional regularization.







$$\int_{\gamma} f^{\epsilon} \omega$$

$$\sum_{r \geq 0} \epsilon^r \int_{\gamma} \frac{\log^r(f)}{r!} \omega$$

- Global and local parts of the picture should correspond to Tannakian categories, each with its own 'Galois group', with a functor 'localize' enabling us to compare the coaction before and after expanding in ϵ .
- Topic of upcoming joint work with Brown, Dupont, Fresán.
- No reason for it to be limited to 1-loop graphs.

Another example

- $I(a; s) = \frac{1}{s} ({}_2F_1(s, 1; 1 + s; a) - 1) = \int_0^1 x^s \frac{a dx}{1-ax} = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-s)^n \text{Li}_{n+1}(a)$, where $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$
- Period of $M = H^1(\mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{a^{-1}\}, \{0, 1\}; \mathcal{L}_s)$, where \mathcal{L}_s corresponds to the vector bundle $(\mathcal{O}_X, \nabla = d + s \frac{dx}{x})$ on $X = \mathbb{A}^1 \setminus \{a^{-1}\}$.
- Sits in a short exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{A}^1, \{0, 1\}; \mathcal{L}_s) \rightarrow M \rightarrow H^0(\{a^{-1}\}; (\mathcal{L}_s)_{a^{-1}})(-1) \rightarrow 0$$

- The period matrix of M is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & I(a; s) \\ 0 & 2\pi i a^{-s} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Another example

- Let us lift the local expansion to periods term by term, and define

$$I_L^{m/\partial\tau}(a; s) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-s)^n \text{Li}_{n+1}^{m/\partial\tau}(a),$$

- If we coact on s by

$$\Delta(s) = s(1 \otimes (\mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau})^{-1})$$

where $\mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau} \in \mathcal{O}(G_{\mathcal{H}}^{\partial\tau})$, we get

$$\Delta(I_L^m(a; s)) = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-s)^n \left(1 \otimes (\mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau})^{-n} \text{Li}_{n+1}^{\partial\tau} + \sum_{k=0}^n \text{Li}_{n+1-k}^m(a) \otimes \frac{(\log^{\partial\tau}(a))^k}{k!} (\mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau})^{1-k} \right),$$

- which can be rewritten as:

$$\Delta(I_L^m(a; s)) = 1 \otimes I_L^{\partial\tau}(a; s(\mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau})^{-1}) + I_L^m(a; s) \otimes \mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau} \left(a^{-s(\mathbb{L}^{\partial\tau})^{-1}} \right)_L^{\partial\tau},$$

where we have defined

$$(a^s)_L^{\partial\tau} = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(\log^{\partial\tau}(a))^n}{n!} s^n.$$